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1. Production of the first all-metal gondola freight car to be designed and manufactured in the Soviet Union has started at the Kalinin car-building plant.

2. The gondola has metal sides and 14 hatchways for unloading grain, coal, ore and mineral fertilizers. Equipped with a dump cradle, the gondola body is mounted on a heavy-duty, four-axle truck of a type now being produced at many Soviet car-building works. The car's over-all weight is unknown.

3. The gondola is of all-welded construction. Its designers are trying to develop a method for manufacturing the car out of stamped sections, in order to reduce the amount of welding involved.

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